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Alternate Plans for U.S. Route 62 and Morse Road Improvement are Being Considered

Franklin County, Ohio --- The Franklin County Engineer's Office, in partnership with the City of Gahanna and the Village of New Albany, is reviewing the current plans being developed for the Morse Road and U.S. 62 intersection to determine if there are design alternatives that would not only address safety and traffic flow issues but also recent residents' concerns. Among the modifications being considered would be the creation of a modern roundabout at the intersection, replacing the typical signalized intersection currently under design.

"A modern roundabout configuration would provide an alternative design that would also address the safety and traffic flow at this intersection," said County Engineer Dean Ringle. "It is important to investigate which design best suits the traffic and communities' needs."

The current plans call for reconstructing the two-lane intersection and adding turn lanes and an improved traffic signal. A modern traffic roundabout usually requires no traffic signals or stop signs, but utilizes yield-as-you-go driving through the intersection at a slower speed.

"We are listening to residents' concerns to re-evaluate the project over the next several months," said Gahanna Mayor Becky Stinchcomb. "It is our goal to have the plans revised as quickly as possible to produce a cost-effective and responsive solution for this important intersection."

Some issues to be addressed include traffic capacity, safety and traffic flow, landscaping, bridge and roadway lighting, and pedestrian and bicycle access.

"We are pleased to participate in the redevelopment of this important highway improvement," said New Albany Mayor Nancy Ferguson. "Our council recognizes the impact this project has for the entire area and look forward to a better, safer intersection."

Gahanna, New Albany and the Franklin County Engineer's Office will continue to work with the Ohio Department of Transportation to finalize the type of improvement to be built at U.S. 62 and Morse Road, with a decision to be made by the end of the year.

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